

Turkeys Raised Lower than 2008

The estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2009 is 250 million, down 8 percent from 2008. Minnesota will have the highest number of turkeys raised with 45.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 37.5 million, Arkansas with 28.0 million, Missouri with 21.0 million, Virginia with 16.4 million, and California with 15.0 million. These six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys raised in the U.S. during 2009. Wisconsin numbers are included in the total U.S. production, but are not reported separately, due to few operations.

| Turkeys Raised 1/ | | | |
|-------------------|------------|---------|---------|
| State | 2008 | 2009 | Change |
| | 1,000 Head | | Percent |
| AR | 31,000 | 28,000 | -10 |
| CA | 16,000 | 15,000 | -6 |
| IN | 14,500 | 14,500 | n.c. |
| IA | 9,000 | 3/ | 3/ |
| MN | 48,000 | 45,500 | -5 |
| MO | 21,000 | 21,000 | n.c. |
| NC | 40,000 | 37,500 | -6 |
| OH | 6,000 | 5,200 | -13 |
| PA | 11,500 | 9,000 | -22 |
| SC | 12,500 | 11,700 | -6 |
| SD | 4,700 | 4,500 | -4 |
| UT | 4,100 | 3,300 | -20 |
| VA | 18,000 | 16,400 | -9 |
| WV | 3,800 | 3,200 | -16 |
| Other states 2/ | 32,988 | 35,114 | 4/ |
| U.S. | 273,088 | 249,914 | -8 |

1/Excludes young turkeys lost. 2/Other States include State estimates not shown and States suppressed due to disclosure. 3/Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. 4/Comparison to 2008 is not applicable.

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO